MW Thermal Power Project at Belthara Road, District Ballia (U.P.) was received from Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board (UPSEB) in December, 1988.

(b) and (c) The proposal could not be processed for techno-economic clearance as some of the inputs and statutory clearances required for techno-economic appraisal were not tied-up. UPSEB in July, 1990 intimated Central Electricity Authority (CEA) that they were revising the project report for 3x250 MW capacity. The Project could be processed in the CEA on receipt of Revised Project Report and tie-up of various inputs and essential clearances.

LOSSES IN AIR INDIA

943. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India has started incurring losses;

(b) if so, what is the daily or monthly losses of the Air India at present and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any action plan has been proposed in order to make up the losses; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

SPREADER PROJECT OF NEYVELI LIGNITE CORPORATION LTD.

944. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of progress made in the Spreader Project of II Mine Expansion programme of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited contracts for which were awarded in May 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project has been abnormally delayed due to inexperience of the concerned parties who had no earlier experience in the development and erection of such a project;

(c) whether the cost of the project has also escalated with the delay in its execution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (e) The Second Mine Expansion Project of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. has a provision for two Spreaders. Spreader-I has been commissioned on 17-1-1991. The erection of Spreader-II was completed on 10-10-90 and it is on trial from 11-6-1991.

(b) There has been delay in commissioning of the two Spreaders. However, this delay is not on account of inexperience of the contractors, but attributable to the delay caused by other factors such as, acquisition of land, procurement of steel, design modifications and difficulties in erection, etc.

(c) No, Sir. The cost of the project is within the ceiling prescribed in the contract.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BIHAR

945. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1425 on August 17, 1990 regarding development of tourism in Bihar and state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government of Bihar and proposal being made to the Union Government to develop Rajgir, Kalyaneswar (Kalna), Gautam Kural, Ahilyasthan, Biski, Asuragrah as tourist places alongwith Sitamarhi and Vaishali;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?